

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, while adequate housing is essential for healthy families and communities, many people in our country have no home of their own and must seek refuge with family and friends or in emergency shelters; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 10,000 individuals in the Palmetto State experience homelessness on any given night; and

WHEREAS, rising costs and a shortage of rental and single family homes create barriers to adequate housing for many of our most vulnerable people; and

WHEREAS, Homeless Persons Memorial Day calls attention to the problem of homelessness and remembers those who have died homeless in the past year while encouraging people to reach out and help those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2006, as

HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to help reduce homelessness in the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA